rence to violation of right of the Children in the Indian subcontinent. There was also no reference to situation of Children in India in the recommendation of the NGC forum.

(b) and (e) Does not arise.

Import of coal by State Governments

*15. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have decided to import coal to meet their requirements; and

(b) if so, what are those State Governments and the details of their demand for coal in the coming year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have obtained approval of Finance Ministry to import 2 million tonnes and 1 million tonnes of coal respectively for their Power Stations at reduced rates of import duty. The requirements of coal as assessed by Central Electricity Authority for the power stations of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for tre year 1993-94 are as follows:

(In '000 tonnes)

Name of the Power Stations	Requirements
TAMIL NADU	
Ennore	2330
Mettur	3830
Tuticocin	3730
North Madras	80
	9970
KARNATAKA	
Raichar	33010

In view of the significant improvement in production and despatch of indivenous coal in the country, the coal companies are confident of meeting the full coal requirements of power stations in the country including power stations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Child labour in the country

*16. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) the number of children, State wise, who have been driven by circumstances to work as labourers in industries, some of which are listed as hazardous;

(b) how many of these were in the carpet and slate pencil industries, State-wise, as on 30.6.1993;

(c) what major offensives are being launched by the Central and State Governments and various other non-Governmental organisations for the release and rehabilitation of these unfortunate children;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the views of the employers who employ children in large numbers in industries for formulating an all acceptable strategy to eliminate the child labour;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have so far been taken in this regard; and

(f) what are the details of expenditure incurred out of Rs. 14 crores committed by are International Project for elimination of child labour, Child Labour Actio Support Programme and UNICEF funds, State-wise, during each of the last three years for tackling this social evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to)f) Authentic data regarding number of working children is